

September 4, 2008

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 08/09-15

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the planning allocation for the FC Program contingent upon approval of the FY 2008-09 State Budget Act. A total of \$17,872,000 General Fund (GF) will be made available for this program. The allocation displayed in Attachment I represents funding for 56 counties as funding for the two Title IV-E Waiver counties will be issued in a separate allocation letter.

In addition to basic administrative costs, this allocation includes funding for Staff Development, the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), FC Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) Application, savings associated with Foster Care Reforms, Improving Adoptions Outcomes, Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP), the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) program, and the Legacy Systems, as shown on Attachment I.

Attachment II displays the \$6,363,000 Federal allocation for the Emergency Assistance (EA) portion of the FC Program. This allocation represents funding for all 58 counties and is funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant.

Attachment III provides a brief description of these premises and their respective allocation methodologies, and Attachment IV is a listing of applicable program codes for the FC Program. The administrative expenditures charged against this program are tracked through the County Expense Claim.

The transfer of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps will continue to be allowed for the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity. It is anticipated that any surplus funds within this small county group will be redistributed at closeout among those counties that overspent their allocations.

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Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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FY 2008-09 FOSTER CARE ADMIN. PLANNING ALLOCATION STATE FUNDS										
COUNTY	FC ADMIN BASIC	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	AAP	FC SSI/SSP APPLICATION (AB 1331)	FOSTER CARE REFORMS	IMPROVING ADOPTIONS OUTCOMES	PAARP SAVINGS	KIN-GAP SAVINGS	LEGACY SYSTEMS SAVINGS	FC STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION
Alameda *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alpine	\$6,899	\$53	\$698	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,650
Amador	\$15,848	\$125	\$3,409	\$123	(\$1,566)	\$0	(\$40)	(\$234)	\$0	\$17,665
Butte	\$145,698	\$774	\$69,317	\$1,765	(\$32,980)	\$0	(\$1,181)	(\$2,851)	\$0	\$180,542
Calaveras	\$12,378	\$402	\$6,032	\$172	(\$4,116)	\$0	(\$135)	(\$281)	\$0	\$14,452
Colusa	\$10,119	\$1,568	\$2,623	\$98	(\$2,731)	\$0	(\$68)	\$0	\$0	\$11,609
Contra Costa	\$724,597	\$5,609	\$154,719	\$4,338	(\$55,535)	(\$10,376)	(\$2,648)	(\$10,563)	(\$26,705)	\$783,436
Del Norte	\$20,208	\$4,752	\$13,898	\$221	(\$6,623)	\$0	(\$158)	(\$654)	\$0	\$31,644
El Dorado	\$90,730	\$2,392	\$20,193	\$662	(\$13,246)	(\$1,101)	(\$410)	(\$234)	\$0	\$98,986
Fresno	\$753,517	\$5,640	\$171,503	\$5,735	(\$119,527)	(\$4,927)	(\$4,433)	(\$23,884)	(\$18,304)	\$765,320
Glenn	\$28,107	\$858	\$7,432	\$196	(\$4,028)	\$0	(\$145)	(\$327)	\$0	\$32,093
Humboldt	\$69,164	\$1,084	\$27,972	\$662	(\$13,558)	\$0	(\$483)	(\$374)	\$0	\$84,467
Imperial	\$71,997	\$249	\$18,096	\$956	(\$15,527)	(\$821)	(\$488)	(\$2,664)	\$0	\$71,798
Inyo	\$27,057	\$1,986	\$263	\$98	(\$850)	\$0	(\$18)	(\$140)	\$0	\$28,396
Kern	\$433,810	\$1,374	\$254,281	\$4,828	(\$109,280)	(\$8,649)	(\$4,082)	(\$14,302)	\$0	\$557,980
Kings	\$40,284	\$1,014	\$28,498	\$515	(\$15,304)	\$0	(\$528)	(\$3,646)	\$0	\$50,833
Lake	\$34,438	\$1,436	\$14,771	\$441	(\$9,666)	\$0	(\$375)	(\$1,169)	\$0	\$39,876
Lassen	\$24,280	\$1,598	\$6,208	\$319	(\$5,147)	\$0	(\$83)	(\$187)	\$0	\$26,988
Los Angeles *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Madera	\$42,005	\$555	\$22,027	\$613	(\$11,949)	\$0	(\$511)	(\$935)	\$0	\$51,805
Marin	\$83,813	\$1,335	\$17,482	\$466	(\$5,952)	(\$1,678)	(\$155)	(\$234)	\$0	\$95,077
Mariposa	\$6,947	\$428	\$3,409	\$172	(\$2,014)	\$0	(\$70)	(\$94)	\$0	\$8,778
Mendocino	\$94,302	\$350	\$25,699	\$809	(\$14,634)	\$0	(\$491)	(\$2,057)	\$0	\$103,978
Merced	\$118,231	\$1,578	\$40,299	\$1,299	(\$31,683)	(\$1,863)	(\$1,034)	(\$1,262)	\$0	\$125,565
Modoc	\$4,171	\$297	\$1,136	\$73	(\$269)	\$0	(\$10)	(\$94)	\$0	\$5,304
Mono	\$9,883	\$1,469	\$50	\$25	(\$448)	\$0	(\$15)	\$0	\$0	\$10,964
Monterey	\$278,986	\$3,194	\$57,955	\$1,176	(\$22,374)	(\$3,526)	(\$721)	(\$1,496)	\$0	\$313,194
Napa	\$77,825	\$778	\$11,103	\$368	(\$5,371)	\$0	(\$160)	(\$467)	\$0	\$84,076
Nevada	\$26,449	\$1,651	\$9,353	\$196	(\$5,280)	\$0	(\$113)	(\$140)	\$0	\$32,116
Orange	\$1,028,656	\$5,235	\$373,514	\$6,789	(\$109,500)	(\$21,688)	(\$4,167)	(\$15,564)	(\$46,709)	\$1,216,566
Placer	\$152,403	\$828	\$38,461	\$833	(\$12,396)	(\$1,269)	(\$378)	(\$1,402)	(\$8,802)	\$168,278
Plumas	\$18,536	\$1,287	\$3,847	\$147	(\$3,402)	\$0	(\$70)	(\$327)	\$0	\$20,018
Riverside	\$1,648,429	\$14,022	\$377,098	\$11,666	(\$193,901)	(\$10,933)	(\$7,714)	(\$51,507)	(\$46,410)	\$1,740,750
Sacramento	\$1,930,520	\$7,325	\$422,112	\$11,956	(\$177,165)	(\$14,424)	(\$7,070)	(\$26,455)	(\$61,612)	\$2,085,187
San Benito	\$20,650	\$3,769	\$4,545	\$196	(\$3,490)	\$0	(\$118)	(\$94)	\$0	\$25,458
San Bernardino	\$1,413,956	\$4,827	\$342,831	\$11,397	(\$192,470)	(\$17,245)	(\$8,473)	(\$34,400)	(\$38,007)	\$1,482,416
San Diego	\$1,424,204	\$6,709	\$577,519	\$11,200	(\$232,207)	(\$25,390)	(\$8,868)	(\$26,174)	(\$38,308)	\$1,688,685
San Francisco	\$1,271,175	\$7,305	\$120,365	\$4,289	(\$72,721)	(\$11,019)	(\$3,562)	(\$12,106)	(\$25,105)	\$1,278,621
San Joaquin	\$229,158	\$1,167	\$170,714	\$3,284	(\$70,167)	(\$9,145)	(\$2,473)	(\$4,066)	\$0	\$318,472
San Luis Obispo	\$157,629	\$681	\$41,523	\$1,275	(\$21,615)	(\$4,528)	(\$621)	(\$1,589)	(\$5,301)	\$167,454
San Mateo	\$508,102	\$8,981	\$44,228	\$1,397	(\$22,150)	(\$7,125)	(\$731)	(\$1,122)	(\$29,006)	\$502,574
Santa Barbara	\$238,821	\$845	\$35,228	\$1,495	(\$27,612)	(\$1,795)	(\$839)	(\$888)	(\$18,403)	\$226,852
Santa Clara	\$1,181,155	\$4,040	\$208,130	\$4,510	(\$79,074)	(\$13,345)	(\$3,114)	(\$15,237)	(\$62,612)	\$1,224,453
Santa Cruz	\$223,712	\$1,530	\$42,918	\$907	(\$11,725)	(\$2,614)	(\$453)	(\$234)	(\$8,302)	\$245,739
Shasta	\$58,460	\$446	\$69,406	\$1,225	(\$25,374)	(\$2,600)	(\$853)	(\$2,150)	\$0	\$98,560
Sierra	\$9,858	\$139	\$351	\$49	(\$581)	\$0	(\$18)	\$0	\$0	\$9,798
Siskiyou	\$27,366	\$861	\$10,840	\$417	(\$6,309)	\$0	(\$215)	(\$187)	\$0	\$32,773
Solano	\$242,646	\$1,183	\$37,588	\$1,618	(\$19,824)	(\$2,259)	(\$886)	(\$327)	(\$15,503)	\$244,236
Sonoma	\$114,887	\$1,137	\$52,708	\$1,471	(\$20,719)	\$0	(\$1,036)	(\$1,309)	(\$14,503)	\$132,636
Stanislaus	\$203,027	\$768	\$89,423	\$1,740	(\$24,255)	(\$2,445)	(\$841)	(\$1,916)	\$0	\$265,501
Sutter	\$20,716	\$444	\$26,572	\$294	(\$7,652)	\$0	(\$268)	(\$281)	\$0	\$39,825
Tehama	\$40,514	\$567	\$16,697	\$588	(\$10,606)	\$0	(\$350)	(\$47)	\$0	\$47,363
Trinity	\$5,490	\$1,113	\$2,360	\$123	(\$1,790)	\$0	(\$78)	\$0	\$0	\$7,218
Tulare	\$290,480	\$1,603	\$117,044	\$2,769	(\$48,329)	(\$2,938)	(\$1,990)	(\$15,237)	(\$18,704)	\$324,698
Tuolumne	\$28,346	\$475	\$10,840	\$343	(\$5,012)	\$0	(\$160)	(\$234)	\$0	\$34,598
Ventura	\$350,045	\$1,924	\$65,734	\$1,667	(\$28,505)	(\$2,297)	(\$1,171)	(\$3,365)	(\$10,102)	\$373,930
Yolo	\$120,079	\$6,932	\$57,078	\$686	(\$16,737)	\$0	(\$593)	(\$935)	(\$12,602)	\$153,908
Yuba	\$49,237	\$1,308	\$38,900	\$343	(\$8,054)	\$0	(\$335)	(\$558)	\$0	\$80,841
Total	\$16,260,000	\$130,000	\$4,387,000	\$111,000	(\$1,963,000)	(\$186,000)	(\$76,000)	(\$286,000)	(\$505,000)	\$17,872,000

* Two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

**FY 2008-09
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FOSTER CARE PLANNING ALLOCATION**

County	EA - FC Federal - TANF CFDA # 93.558
Alameda	\$203,279
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$0
Butte	\$23,479
Calaveras	\$70
Colusa	\$681
Contra Costa	\$123,569
Del Norte	\$3,621
El Dorado	\$5,498
Fresno	\$114,267
Glenn	\$713
Humboldt	\$16,881
Imperial	\$8,724
Inyo	\$1,788
Kern	\$125,154
Kings	\$4,041
Lake	\$3,239
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$3,425,974
Madera	\$312
Marin	\$8,075
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$66,385
Merced	\$0
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$4,410
Monterey	\$5,994
Napa	\$1,775
Nevada	\$229
Orange	\$269,734
Placer	\$28,360
Plumas	\$10,264
Riverside	\$447,911
Sacramento	\$231,505
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$277,382
San Diego	\$214,834
San Francisco	\$46,609
San Joaquin	\$19,783
San Luis Obispo	\$90,062
San Mateo	\$99,174
Santa Barbara	\$123,118
Santa Clara	\$99,072
Santa Cruz	\$37,669
Shasta	\$34,557
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$859
Solano	\$39,183
Sonoma	\$28,863
Stanislaus	\$344
Sutter	\$2,952
Tehama	\$0
Trinity	\$1,852
Tulare	\$10,709
Tuolumne	\$5,332
Ventura	\$48,868
Yolo	\$30,899
Yuba	\$14,947
Total	\$6,363,000

FY 2008-09 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in the Foster Care Allocation			
PREMISE NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	SAVINGS
FC Administrative Basic *	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program.	X	
FC Staff Development *	This premise reflects the funding for Staff Development. The allocation was calculated by multiplying each county's average percent to total of the 4 most recent quarters (06/07-03/08) FC staff development expenditures and the average FC full-time equivalents (FTEs) eligibility workers for the same time period. An adjustment was made to the allocation to fund the state share of costs for staff training among the 41 counties of the Inter-County Policy and Planning Committee which contracts with the University of California, Davis.	X	
AAP *	AAP funds were allocated using each county's percent to total average monthly caseload from the most recent 12 months (5/07-4/08), as provided by the Adoptions Services Bureau.	X	
FC SSI/SSP Application *	This premise reflects the cost pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1331 (Chapter 465, Statutes of 2007) that requires counties to screen all foster youth in its care aged 16 ½ and older to determine if they are eligible for federal SSI benefits utilizing the best practice guidelines developed pursuant to AB 1633 (Chapter 641, Statutes of 2005). The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload of Out of Home placement for kids 16 ½ and older from the most recent 12 months (6/07-5/08), as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.	X	
Foster Care Reforms	This premise reflects an estimated savings due to the reduction of annual FC eligibility redeterminations. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for CY 2007 from the FC 237.		X
Improving Adoptions Outcomes	This premise reflects the savings associated with an increase in FC exits, resulting from improved permanency outcomes for children in the Adoptions Program. Savings were distributed to those counties that receive Adoptions Program funding, based on each county's percent to total of the Adoptions Program allocation.		X
Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP)	This premise reflects the savings associated with having private agency provide placement to children with special needs. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for Permanent Placement from the most recent 12 months (6/07-5/08), as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.		X
Kin-GAP Program Savings	The premise represents an estimated savings of GF in FC due to those cases being diverted from placement and/or services. The distribution was based on a percent to total of each county's actual Kin-GAP caseload for CY 2007.		X
Legacy Systems Savings	This premise reflects the savings that certain counties will realize following their conversion from the outdated legacy systems to their new automated systems.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to all 58 counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of GF expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/07-03/08) to the statewide total available funding. Expenditures exceeding the Federal allocations will be shifted to county share.	X	

* Allocation for the two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

PROGRAM CODES

The state share of administration costs reported on the CEC will be charged to the allocation as follows:

FOSTER CARE (FC) DFA 327.4 & 327.5

230 – Adoptions Assistance IV-E
345 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility
300 – STEP Eligibility Determination

FC State Use Only Code

612 – Foster Care (including AAP) Overmatch

EA FC DFA 327.4 & 327.5

223 – EA FC Eligibility

EA FC State Use Only Code

199 – EA Foster Care Overmatch